



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Hollister Police Seek Parolee-at-Large



HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *March 26, 2010* – On March 25, 2010 at about 12:40 a.m., Hollister Police Officer Rudy Rodriguez attempted to contact two men in a vehicle parked in the driveway of a vacant house in the 1100 block of Victoria Drive. The vehicle sped away and a high-speed vehicle pursuit ensued.

The suspect vehicle led HPD officers and deputies from the San Benito County Sheriff's office on a high-speed pursuit throughout the city. The suspect vehicle eventually blew out a tire and stopped in the 1100 block of Sunnyslope Road.

The driver, later identified as Frank Arriola, Jr., fled on foot and eluded capture. A large quantity of crystal methamphetamine was found in the area from where Arriola, Jr. had fled. He was also determined to be a parolee-at-large.

The passenger, John Portillo, was detained and found to have a \$25,000 warrant for his arrest out of Monterey County. He was taken into custody and booked into San Benito County Jail for the warrant.

Frank Arriola, Jr. is 39 years old. He has brown hair and brown eyes, is 5'09" tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. The Hollister Police Department is requesting any citizen who knows of Frank Arriola Jr's whereabouts to call 911 immediately. Police caution community members not to attempt to apprehend Arriola, Jr. themselves. He has shown reckless disregard for public safety and extreme desperation to avoid capture; he should be considered dangerous.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact the Watch Commander at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at **(800) 78-CRIME**.

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